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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI, US, EP databases with keywords (eg A01J 5/ic, A01J 7/ic, A01J 9/ic, receptacle, vacuum, port)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	US 3032037 A (HUBER) 1 May 1962 Entire document	1-4,6-20 3,6,8-10,17-24
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US	5913281	CA	2210630	EP	0805622
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